and spikes, a dozen or two of hatchets,, a hammock and some bedding; also as much of the rigging and small ropes as I could, and a piece of spare canvas. But that which comforted me more than all was that, afterj^ had made five or six such voyages and thought I had nothing more to expect from the ship, I found a great hogshead of bread, a box of sugar, and a barrel of fine flour, I soon emptied the hogshead of that bread, and wrapped it up parcel by parcel in pieces of the sails, which I cut out; and I got all this safe on shore also.

I was under some apprehensions during my absence from the land, that my provisions might be devoured on shore; but 1 never found a sign of any visitor, only once there sat a creature like a wild cat upon one of the chests, which, when I came towards it, ran away a little distance and then stood still. She sat very composedly and unconcerned,

and looked full in my face, as if she had a mind to be acquainted with me. I presented my gun at her ; but as she did not understand it, she was perfectly unconcerned at it, nor did she offer to stir away. Upon that I tossed her a bit of biscuit; and she went to